

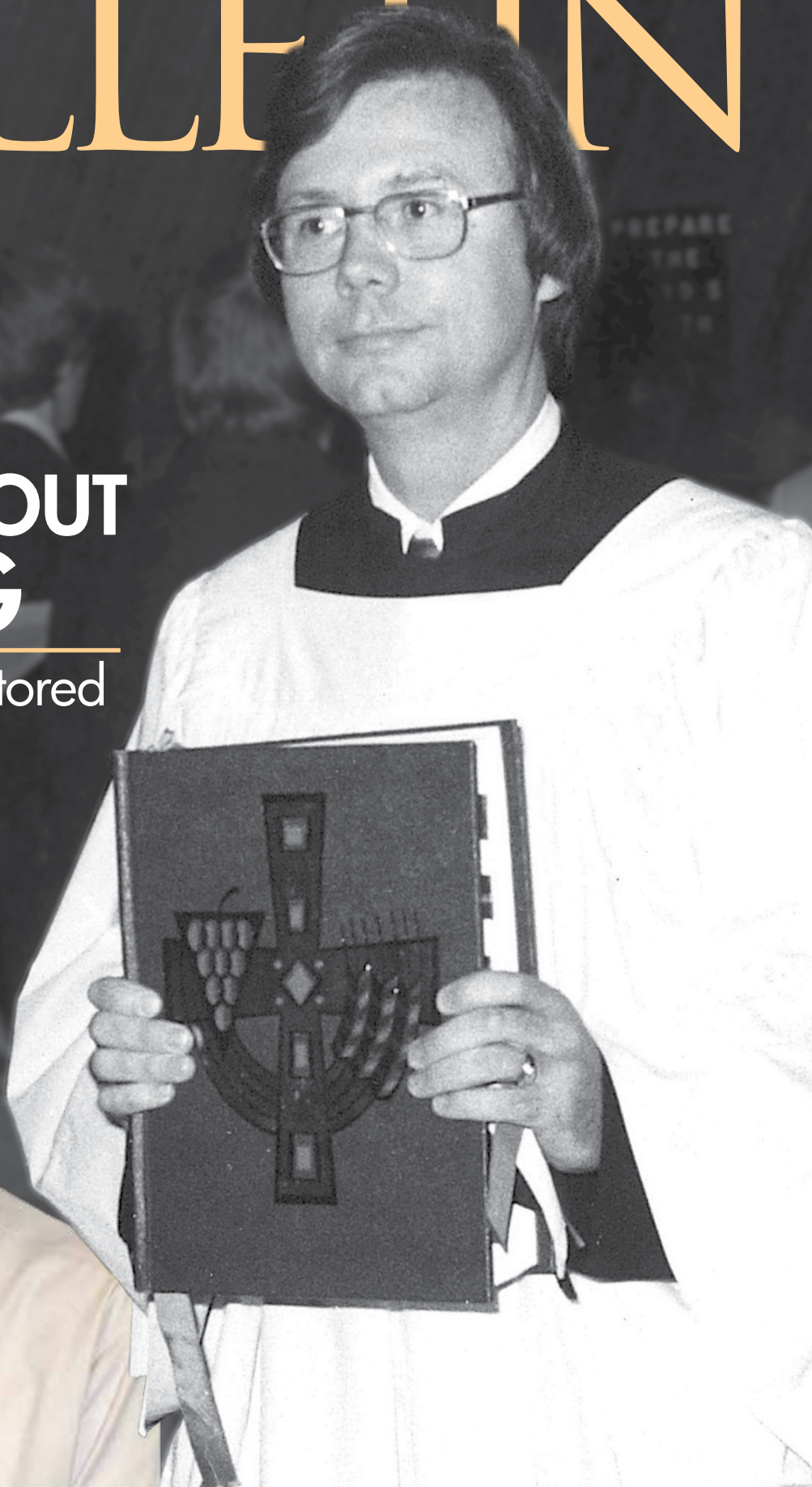


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Recently we experienced a startling thunder and heavy rain storm in Sioux Falls. When I left the Bishop's House for an early morning walk after it had passed, the flowering plants and shrubs were hanging low, burdened by the impact of the storm. When I returned not too long later they were showing resilience and raising their shoots toward the sun. Later in the day they were back to their previous uplifting stature and beauty.

I have often marveled at the resilience of God's creation, observing trees bending in the very strong South Dakota winds and the burdens of ice and snow. There was an ice storm a few years ago which resulted in the loss of power for nearly three days. One seeming casualty was a large tree near the Mothers' Garden at the Cathedral which was so impacted that it was suggested that it be cut down. We decided to let it stand at least for the next season. Today it is taller and fuller than ever. Perhaps God created nature as He did to offer us hopeful example.

In no way am I suggesting that man, who has a soul and free will, are like trees or flowers. We can choose how we respond to the storms of our lives, and there are so many: illness, loss, economic uncertainty, drought, flooding, terror, accidents and the list could go on. We cannot avoid personal storms both unexpected and those caused by poor choices. They are ramifications of our fallen human nature which the evil one seeks to exploit and uses to discourage us and therefore weaken our relationship with God. It can seem like we

are living in a continuing Holy Saturday, that heavy time between the horror and heaviness of the cross and the glory and joy of the Resurrection.

In recent days there has been much attention focused on mental illness. Many of those who commit crimes and disrupt lives like school shootings, drug related violence and abuse in its many forms are suffering from mental diseases. Studies continue to be undertaken, including by a committee of our state legislature, to discover the physical and social causes or conditions and what can be done medically and by law to both help those in need and to protect innocent and vulnerable victims; and rightly so.

In truth there is one helpful antidote to help address these real and heavy realities of life which our secular culture including some in government, media and business seek to discourage, even banish. That is faith in God, a spiritual rootedness that offers perspective and hope which results in the resilience to cope because it recognizes that God alone is the creator of all things including each of us. One remedy to deal with the storms of personal lives is to accept that we cannot do it alone; we need God who is all loving and all merciful. There are many personal testimonies that document the strength that comes from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, that even in the midst of hurt we can endure as Jesus did. Prayer every day and even throughout the day even if brief in whatever its form is both preventative and restorative 'spiritual medicine'.

The Blessed Mother, the model of discipleship, offers us an inspiring example. After following her son during his passion which included condemnation, flogging, and the burdensome carrying of the cross, she with a heavy heart and personal anguish remained resolutely at the foot of the cross watching her son suffer and then die. She enveloped him in her loving arms when he was taken down from the cross in preparation for his entombment. We honor her with among the many titles but in a very personal way as the

Sorrowful Mother, as Our Lady of Hope. She assured us that it is okay to grieve. And she also demonstrated for us that the strength to endure comes with trusting in God: 'I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me as God wills'.

For most of us in the midst of personal storms that is a hard commitment to sustain. I wonder whether I would have the steel of faith as did she, knowing that my challenges pale in comparison. She experienced the real Holy Saturday as she waited with the Apostles in the upper room and witnessed what trusting in God results in. With the resiliency of faith, she saw her son again after the resurrection. She received the ultimate reward for her faithfulness at the Assumption. From the cross Jesus gave her to us as our mother. In that role she today invites us to come to her in our sorrowful moments, as she carries our pleas for relief and mercy to her son.

Recently I was given a prayer card directed to Mary, Mother of Mental Peace. I have not been able with certainty to discover its origin. I have been told that it was probably written by a hospital chaplain, who surely from the nature of his ministry was Christ's instrument during much sorrowing and fear. I do not know if it has been officially approved by the Church. However it has a beautiful and soothing message which seems appropriate for personal use in times of trial which often are not quickly resolved. Slightly edited it is printed here.

Like those flowering shrubs, with faith in God

the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit we can, while being a bit worn down by the mental and physical burdens that come to us all, raise our heads toward the Son knowing that God the Father created us and loves his creation, that God the Son became one with us and sacrificed himself for our redemption and remains our friend, and that God the Holy Spirit is always with us as our counselor, companion and protector, if we allow him into our hearts.

O Sorrowful Mother, Our Lady of Mental Peace, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us.

***O Lady of Mental Peace,
Mother of Tranquility and
Mother of Hope,
look upon me in this time
of disquiet and weakness.
Still my restless spirit,
teach my searching heart to know
that God's love for me
is unchanging and that (my) suffering
(can) draw me closer to Him.
Let your gentle peace and His ---
which the world cannot give ---
be always with me, that I may
be sanctified: and then:
I beseech (you)
for the grace to bring this
peace to others.
Jesus, My Savior, I give myself
entirely to (you) through Mary.
Our Lady of Mental Peace,
pray for me!***



Officials

Since publication of the June edition of The Bishop's Bulletin, the Most Reverend Paul J. Swain has assigned the following newly ordained permanent deacons to serve in parish ministry detailed below:

Deacon Thane Barnier, St. Therese Parish, Sioux Falls,
Deacon Maurice Barrett, St. James Parish, Chamberlain,
Deacon Timothy Dickes, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
Deacon Glenn Ridder, St. John Paul II Parish, Harrisburg,

And appointed:

Reverend Joseph Scholten, Chaplain, O'Gorman High School
Reverend Tyler Mattson, Chaplain, O'Gorman Junior High
Deacon John Devlin as the Director of Diaconal Ministry

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor

SCHEDULE

July

- 6 12:00 Rite of Candidacy Mass for Zach Schaeffbauer, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 7 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 9 9:30 D-Camp, Broom Tree, Irene
- 10 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- 13 9:30 D-Camp, Broom Tree, Irene
- 14 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 18 9:00 Opening Mass, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Convention, Sioux Falls Convention Center
- 21 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 26 11:00 Opening Mass, Regional Stewardship Conference, St. Michael, Sioux Falls
- 28 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 30 Catholic United Financial Annual Clergy Golf Outing and Dinner, Prairie Winds, Watertown

August

- 4 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 5 1:30 Anniversary Mass and Reception, Aberdeen
- 6-8 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, Baltimore, MD
- 12 1:30 Anniversary Mass and Reception, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 14 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood



Way back when, when there was still snow on the ground, I received a call from Gary Hoffman, the American Legion Post commander in Long Lake, SD, asking me if I would be a guest speaker at their Memorial Day ceremony. I told him I would be honored to do it.

Then, time went by and snow turned to mud turned to green grass and before I knew it Memorial Day was right around the corner. I spent time reflecting and working on the address and making arrangements to cover our parish's Mass at the cemetery and googled the directions to the Long Lake Legion hall so I would know how to get there when the day arrived.

I have been to Memorial Day ceremonies in several cities and it is always a moving event, and a particular honor to be invited to participate. It means a great deal to me. I am always inspired by the amount of effort and work a city undertakes to have a meaningful ceremony, and each of them are different, and each reflects the particular community that is gathered.

I had invited my father to accompany me to Long Lake for the ceremony, and it was great to have him riding along. We drove the lovely 60 miles from Aberdeen to the heart of McPherson County, the scents of growing grass and kuchen wafting through the open car windows on a cool and cloudy day.

I had never been to Long Lake before, but I knew it was a small town, and it is. There were not many buildings around and not a great deal was on Main Street, but even 30 minutes before the ceremony, there were a number of cars around the Legion Hall on the edge of town.

My dad and I walked in and were greeted with an open and inviting Legion Hall, beautiful wood rafters were overhead and folding chairs faced an old wooden stage covered in Stars and Stripes bunting. The members of the Long Lake Band were warming up and chatting off to the side and the Auxiliary ladies were selling poppy flowers as friends and neighbors began to enter and stand in groups, chatting, before moving to their arranged chairs.

The ceremony itself was everything a person could ask for in such an event. The prayers to begin and end focused our attention, the band consisted of young and old musicians and they were fantastic. There were even poems read by the Boy Staters sponsored by the Legion post. As I sat listening to the special vocal and clarinet music, Pastor Sara Sorensen of the local Lutheran church leaned over and whispered to me, "This town always does such a nice job on Memorial Day."

I smiled and nodded.

After the ceremony, everyone in attendance walked the short distance to the cemetery for the playing of Taps with two buglers and the traditional volley.

It was perfect.

As we drove back to Aberdeen, my dad and I spoke quite a bit about small towns and how they put their heart and soul into events such as Memorial Day. These events are an opportunity for a community to come together, work together, plan and execute together. Events such as this are a reminder of the life that flows like a current through the heart of a small town.

Of course, larger towns and cities have events such as this as well, and they are planned and organized and attended by many, but the percentage of participation is smaller, and because of this, it does not have the same impact as an event involving most of the town.

As I drove home, I was pondering the singular beauty and life only a small town can bring forth, in the midst of its struggles and eccentricities, it has the ability to grow together, struggle together, remember and celebrate together. It is like the joy I feel when I have a wedding and one of the spouses is from a small town and it feels like the entire city has gathered in our church to celebrate; it is beautiful.

It is perfect.

No matter where we live, we are always looking for a small town in our lives. It may be the sense of community we get from the school our children attend, or the senior center, or the coffee shop in our neighborhood. We are looking for a place where we are known, where that sense of community flourishes.

I live in a larger city, but in so many ways, our parish located in the center of Aberdeen feels a lot like a small town; and it should, because it is, and so is yours. The life and sense of community that can be so easily lost as a city grows is always present in the life found within a parish community.

We should cherish the small town God has given us, this place where we come with our hopes and fears and sorrows and successes; this small town where our children are baptized and confirmed, where they marry, where we are fed with the Bread of Life, where we will be buried. Our small town, our hometown; it is a gift and it finds its strength when all its members take a part, participate and live.

It is your small town, located in the center of the heart of God.

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Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, Bishop of Sioux Falls, stands (above) with hands outstretched over Patrick Grode during the Ordination to the Priesthood liturgy at Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls. Following his ordination, Rev. Grode was assigned as Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart Parish, Aberdeen. Pictured (below) with Bishop Paul J. Swain are the new deacons of the diocese (left to right): Deacon Thane Barnier, Deacon Timothy Dicks, Rev. Mr. Timothy Cone, diocesan seminarian, Rev. Mr. Thomas Rausch, diocesan seminarian, Deacon Maurice Barnett and Deacon Glenn Ridder . (Photos by Michael G. Brown Photography, Sioux Falls)



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The diaconate restored 50 years ago

Jim Walden made a Cursillo retreat and became excited about the idea of serving the Lord in some way. His sister, a nun, mentioned the idea of becoming a deacon.

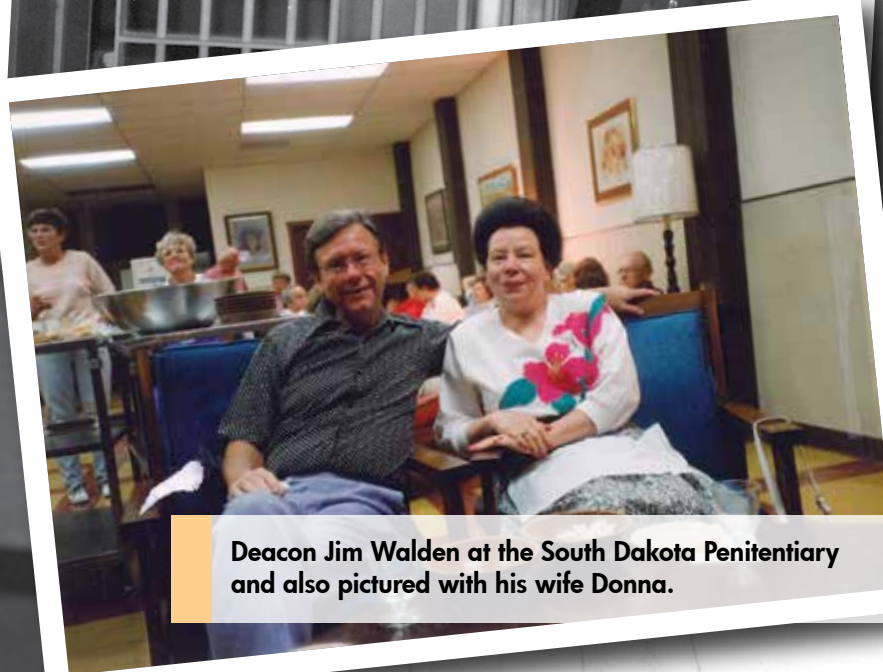
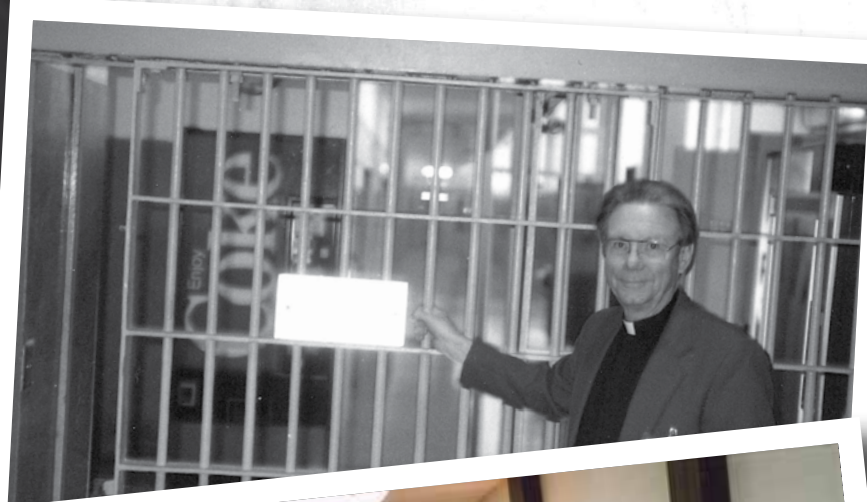
At that time, in the mid-1970s, there were no deacons in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. But through Msgr. John McEneaney, Walden approached Bishop Lambert Hoch and began a formation process that led to his ordination in July of 1977 as the first deacon in this diocese.

The ministry of deacon dates to the earliest days of the Church as seen in the first verses of chapter 6 in the Acts of the Apostles:

At that time, as the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them.



Deacon Jim Walden at the South Dakota Penitentiary and also pictured with his wife Donna.



Deacon Pete and Paddy Mehlhaff, Deacon Roger Heidt, Deacon Joe and Diana Twidwell (left to right) attending the International Diaconate Center 50th anniversary celebration in Rome.

For some reason through the centuries the role of deacons decreased to being a step towards becoming a priest. The Council of Trent proposed restoring the order, but it wasn't until the Second Vatican Council that the permanent diaconate was reinstated and this month celebrates the 50th anniversary of the reinstatement.

From that date, the term "clergy", meaning ordained, included permanent deacons, along with priests and bishops.

As Deacon Walden began ministry as an ordained his role was not well understood – even some priests referred to him inaccurately as a "lay deacon".

"Being a deacon is all about serving," Deacon Walden said and his service was wide ranging - chaplain work at the South Dakota Penitentiary and hospitals, counseling and administrative work at parishes and the Good Shepherd Center.

"Most people were receptive and as the first, I tried to be a role model," he said.

He must have done reasonably well – another 47 from all around the diocese have been ordained permanent deacons, including four this past May. Many other deacons, ordained in other dioceses, have moved to the diocese for various reasons and ministered here through the years.

Humbled by the opportunities

"One of the beautiful things about deacons is we come from all walks of life, working in many areas to support our families," said Deacon Roger Heidt.

"The ministry God calls us to is unique to each man and we only need to open ourselves to this call and allow God to lead us," he said. Deacon Heidt was ordained for the Diocese of Rapid City, but was working in Pierre when asked to get involved in the formation program for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

In 2004 the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons by the US Bishops was published and Heidt was asked to implement the guidelines in this diocese.

"The document has 4 dimensions, the same as priestly formation," said Deacon Heidt.

"They are: Human Dimension, Spiritual Dimension, Intellectual Dimension and the Pastoral Dimension. One of the challenges in leading a formation program is to integrate the 4 dimensions when you have the challenge of men who are working regular jobs and in many instances have to travel to attend weekend sessions," he said.

Like the forerunner, Deacon Walden, most deacons felt the call to serve, yet feel humbled at the opportunities that come their way.

"Early in my ministry, I served as a hospital chaplain and I remember my first few meetings with dying patients and their families," said Deacon Peter Mehlhaff, ordained in 2000.

"I felt so bad for everyone and would wish there was someone better than me to meet with these people. Certainly there are many with gifts and talents that can serve people more effectively than I can. However, I've come to accept that, at times, I am the one that is there to serve and that if I do my part, God will do His part. It was a profound experience for me to realize that while exercising ministry, God is at work in each person's life and that all He needed from me is to be faithful and to be there," he said.

Deacons in the Diocese of Sioux Falls may be most visible when assisting at the altar or occasionally preaching. But it is their work in hospitals, nursing homes, jails and detention centers, and doing home visits and sacramental preparation where serving is the priority.

"The grace of the Sacrament of



Deacon Leon Cantin and the Sacrament of Baptism of Gideon Jude Witte (*his grandchild*) at Risen Savior, Brandon.

Ordination to service in the church as a deacon has been more effective and most clear to me in times of direct service,” said Deacon John Devlin, ordained in 2007.

“As I have visited people in difficult situations, whether in be in the jail, the Juvenile Detention or in service to the poor through the St. Vincent DePaul Society, I have been amazed at the how the Spirit shows up and gives me words that I would never have thought up on my own.

“I know it is the Spirit of God acting through me because of the effect of those words - comfort, consolation and even healing. These things I could NEVER do on my own,” Deacon Devlin said.

Deacon Leon Cantin, ordained in 2000, spends considerable time as a spiritual director to those in treatment for alcohol, drug and gambling addictions.

“It is remarkable the conversations, questions, requests made by the patients I meet in that ministry,” he said. “God bless the priests who visit the treatment center to hear confessions ...some for the first time since Confirmation. I have

seen some miracles of recovery and spirituality,” he said.

While most service opportunities fall within the parish or diocesan ministries, outreach to the broader community also presents itself, especially in rural communities.

“The primary role of a deacon exists to serve those people of the parish and the community. They have a unique role due to the fact that they are an ordained minister working and interacting in the secular world. Deacons have a wonderful opportunity to bring the person of Jesus Christ to people who may not encounter Him otherwise,” said Deacon Jim Bregel, ordained in 2015.

He was just in his second year when asked to revive the Chamberlain Community Thanksgiving meal which had fallen by the wayside several years earlier.

“Knowing this could exist as a daunting task, I asked for some time to pray about it and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit,” Deacon Bregel said.

“I finally decided to undertake this project

and began to ask for volunteers to serve on the committee. The last two years I have had eight committee members and countless community volunteers. Local businesses donate all of the major traditional food items for the meal and families from the local churches prepare desserts and salads.

“The first year we solicited monetary donations from businesses and due to the overwhelming response did not ask for donations last year. We have served approximately 400 people both years, a Traditional Thanksgiving Meal at no charge to anyone. Included in this number are about 70 home bound deliveries, deliveries to the local jail, gas stations, and other places where people must work on the holiday. We do not solicit donations but people insist, so we use any monetary or non-perishable food items received for the local food pantry. Last year we received a tremendous amount of donations, all benefiting the local food pantry,” Deacon Bregel said.

Deacon Barry Wagner, ordained in 1991, said he has found it important to be open and listening to people regardless of their circumstance.

He tells of a man who shared that he didn’t believe in God. Wagner asked permission to pray for him and prayed “God, thanks for the creation of all life, for the beauty of this day. I ask your blessing upon your servant, grace him with healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit.” Deacon Wagner said the man went home but was back a few weeks later looking for him.

“He said, ‘Deacon, you had a prayer that touched my heart.’ I said, ‘Thank you. Now I have a question: Are you thinking maybe God loves you?’ He was quiet for a time and then this fella said, ‘Maybe there is a God of love and mercy.’ I said, ‘God’s peace be with you until we meet again one day,’ Deacon Wagner said.



Deacon Jim Bregel oversees the annual Thanksgiving meal in the Chamberlain area.

The critical role of spouses

Deacon Heidt, who recently retired as director of deacon formation, said the involvement of the wives, for men who are married, is critical to the success of the diaconate.

“One aspect of formation that hasn’t changed from my perspective since 1980 when Diane and I began formation is the need for wives to attend the formation weekends,” he said.

“While we don’t require them to do the work, it is important for them to experience the spiritual growth themselves as well as their husband, and in many cases it is a time of conversion for them as they grow in their understanding and love of Christ and his Church.

“The wives must also give written consent a number of times through the formation process that they affirm their husband’s participation in the program and prior to ordination their agreement with his desire to seek ordination. It is difficult to imagine a spouse giving agreement if they don’t understand their husband’s request for ordination as a permanent deacon,” Deacon Heidt said.

And even after being ordained for more

than 30 years, Deacon Heidt said he is still learning.

“One of the interesting developments for me over the past four years is to understand that balancing our married life, our working life and ministry is the wrong approach. I have come to see that it is one of integration. How do you integrate the many aspects of your life? The answers I believe are different for each of us and for each of us have to be worked out with your spouse, family and work,” he said.

Beginning the formation program

When Bishop Paul Dudley asked Fr. Jerome Holtzman in 1981 to lead the first formal program for deacon formation he wasn’t sure what it would look like. To that point in time, in addition to Walden, Deacon Ed Zephier had been trained individually and ordained in 1979.

“Bishop Dudley offered us the vision of service and pastoral care as our basic goal and need of the Diocese,” Fr. Holtzman said and a program with a committee and a teaching staff aimed to meet that goal.

“We met once a month at the Minor Seminary (now O’Gorman Jr. High). We conferred with other developed formation

programs and attended conferences,” he said.

“It was an exciting experience of the Holy Spirit in developing a growth of what it is to be a deacon – what that personal call – vocation- to serve the poor; discernment evolved eliminating thoughts of personal ego trips – it reaffirmed the deacon as an ordained minister, a member of the clergy – not a step to the priesthood, nor was it a lay ministry” said Fr. Holtzman.

Three years later, January 1994, the first class was ordained, with a second class ordained just a year later.

“I will be eternally grateful for the witness of faith I saw in the men whose lives have been changed as followers of Christ, to the wives who faithfully supported their husbands in their journey, to all the instructors who helped clarify the meaning of the Gospel to our deacons,” said Fr. Holtzman.

Deacon Henry Knapp was ordained in the group in January 1985, and then with wife Christine became directors of the program, leading the next groups which were ordained in 1991 and 1994.

“Christine was fully employed by the Diocese (Catholic Family Services); I was uncompensated. And since I had a secular full-time job at the time, Christine put in more time than I did as co-director. But, in terms of program focus, we fully shared responsibility,” Deacon Knapp said.



"In terms of what I have sensed that the Lord wanted to be my focus as a deacon, there are two things:

- help bring people close to Jesus, and
- help lay people understand that they are a key and integral part of building the Kingdom of God, both here on earth and in heaven.

"After about 33½ years of ministry, I can look back and see that both my liturgical and non-liturgical ministry have evolved and, over time, have more fully supported those two primary roles," he said.

"It never ceases to amaze me that the role of deacons in our diocese is so broad and so varied. No two of us have the same focus. That seems so right and proper. God has created and gifted His people in a seemingly infinite number of ways," said Deacon Knapp.

Hearing and heeding the call

Hearing the call and deciding to pursue it are also unique to each deacon. Often someone suggests that they would be a good deacon or they get a notion about it in prayer.

For Deacon Devlin, who will be taking over the deacon formation program, it was prayer and friends.

"I did not respond at first, thinking I was simply not worthy of such a high calling but the nudge from God and the suggestions of others kept coming," he said.

"I finally decided to quit thinking about it and bothering my wife with it until someone who had never spoken to me about in the past would bring it up on their own. That was on a Sunday morning just before I left the house for Mass. When I arrived at St. Michael Church about 5 minutes later I came face-to-face with our pastor, Fr. Joe Vogel. I said 'good morning, Father' and he replied 'have you ever thought about being a deacon?' That is a quick answer to prayer so I began the process of entering the formation program," Deacon Devlin said.

Deacon Cantin was active in parish ministries as well as in Cursillo where he met men who were deacons or in formation.

"They were men of faith and spirituality and I was attracted to them, wondering if I could be like them," he said, and following a discernment period, consultation with his wife, family and pastor, sent in his application.

Deacon Bregel was visiting his brother's family in Minnesota where a deacon assisted at Mass.

"...my brother asked me if I had ever considered becoming a deacon," Bregel said.

"Other members of my parish had asked that same question in the past, but coming from my brother it hit home. About a week later an advertisement appeared in the Bishop's Bulletin announcing the beginning of another cohort for diaconal formation in September of 2011. Moved by the Holy Spirit I went to work on the application process..." he said.

After Deacon Knapp and his wife Christine attended a Marriage Encounter they found themselves getting active in



Deacon John Devlin and his group of volunteers at a Catholic Heart Work camp in Knoxville, TN.

various ministries, and Knapp started doing annual silent men's retreat.

"In the early summer of 1981, I was attracted to a notice in our parish bulletin about a diaconal information meeting in our parish rectory," Deacon Knapp said. With the encouragement of his parish priests and others, he applied.

Deacon Mehlhaff's first experience with discerning came as a young man in the seminary who discerned priesthood was not his call. The diaconate did not enter his mind.

"About 20 years later my family moved to a parish that had two wonderful deacons," he said.

"One morning, because of travel obligations, neither I nor my brother was able to attend a father/son activity at my son's elementary at school. I asked Deacon Jerry Wathen if he could help me out. My son was delighted to have Deacon Jerry as his partner at school and their friendship grew out of this experience.

"I was awed by power of presence demonstrated by this humble deacon. Over time the thought of serving God through the diaconate started coming to my mind. Eventually I talked to my pastor and with his encouragement; I applied for admission to candidacy and began formation," said Deacon Mehlhaff.

Special moments as deacons

Deacon Walden recounts one of his most memorable deacon moments was in the Warden's office at the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

"Russell Means had been stabbed; the prison was in lock down so I couldn't leave. With Warden Herman Solum we met with Marlon Brando, Harry Belafonte and attorney William Kunstler to assure them that the rights of Native Americans were being observed," Deacon Walden said. Means he said, appreciated not just that meeting but his ministry at the prison.



Deacon Peter Mehlhaff sits by the side of Alfred Kirchgasler during a home visit.

Deacon Cantin mentioned a visit to a homebound lady who was seriously reading the Bible as he approached.

"Be quiet, I am preparing for my finals," she told him.

Deacon Heidt, who also worked in diocesan planning in recent years was coming home after three days on the road with some intense meetings on possible parish closures or mergers.

"As I pulled into the Cathedral parking lot to exchange the diocesan car for my personal car, two of the Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament 'the Red Sisters' who live in the monastery on the Cathedral grounds were going from their little garden to the monastery and as they were going by I said 'Good evening Sisters,' and they smiled and responded, 'Good evening Deacon, how are you?' and I in all sincerity said 'I am bone tired, I have been on the road for three days and it's been stressful'. One of the sisters with a big smile on her face responded 'Remember Deacon, you did it for Jesus!' My motto from that day forward has been 'Remember Deacon, you did it for Jesus!'"

Deacon Mehlhaff began taking Eucharist to the home of Alfred and his wife Lillian Kirchgasler when Alfred was 91 years old. Their relationship has continued over the last 15 years. Deacon Mehlhaff now visits Alfred at Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen.

Are you or is someone you know being called?

"I encourage men of our diocese to be aware of the possibility that they may be called to the diaconate," Deacon Devlin said.

"Men who pray often and spend intentional time listening to God will be the ones who hear the call to look into being a deacon or the many other ways God may need them to serve His people," he said.

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In late July, the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls has the unusual opportunity to host the regional stewardship conference and you are invited to attend.

Why might you want to do that? Well, one good reason is that it will help you be more like Jesus.

“The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards,” according to the document **Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response**, from the U.S. Bishops.

“Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that ‘all things work for good for those who love God’(Rom 8:28),” it goes on to say.

It also states that stewardship is a journey. It has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

Doesn’t that sound inviting and hopeful?

The upcoming Region VIII International Catholic Stewardship Conference is designed to inspire and give you the tools to either begin or continue your stewardship journey. The conference is being held at St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls on July 26 and 27.

Region VIII of the ICSC is comprised of 10 dioceses within South Dakota – east and west river, North Dakota and Minnesota. The conference designed for priests, deacons, staff, volunteers and the general public with tracks for each group and there

is still plenty of time to get signed up.

The theme and focus of the stewardship conference is based on the pastoral letter referenced above and is titled, “A Disciple’s Response.” To really get what stewardship means, it will help you greatly to understand what discipleship means and this event will surely help.

It is also set up for ease of travel and schedules running from mid-day Thursday to mid-day Friday. Following the opening Mass at 11 a.m. celebrated by our Bishop Paul J. Swain, the conference continues with keynote speaker Bishop Robert Morneau, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Green Bay, WI.

Bishop Morneau has been evangelizing about this topic for years. He has keen insight and warm humor whenever he speaks on the spirituality of stewardship. It is a presentation you will not want to miss.

Breakout sessions will be offered during the two-day event which will include topics such as:

- Responding as a Disciple Through Prayer (general track)
- Learning to preach and communicate stewardship effectively (priest track)
- Engaging the Millennial Stewards (staff/volunteer track)
- Establishing the roots for an effective stewardship program (staff/volunteer track)
- God gave you super powers! Figure out what they are and how to use them. (general track)

Wrapping up the conference will be



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keynote speaker and native priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, Bishop Donald J. Kettler. Now the Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Cloud, he will be sharing his experiences of nurturing stewardship in small, rural parishes.

So what is preventing you from partaking in this great opportunity right here in our diocese?

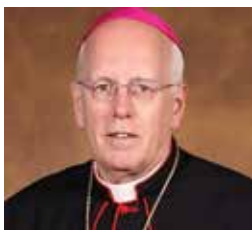
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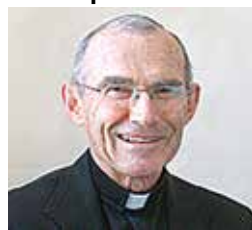
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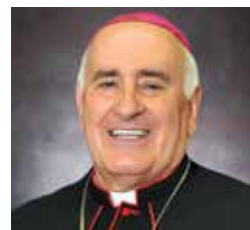
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Local
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The new Mater Ecclesiae Monastery located on the campus of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph is now complete and the Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have moved in and taken up residence.

Before the monastery's cloister is closed, the faithful of the diocese visited and saw the sisters' new home during a series of open houses and tours of the facility (at right, middle).

Other events which commemorated the historic move included the celebration of Holy Mass and Consecration of the altar to Jesus The High Priest (at right, top), and Holy Mass, and blessing of the monastery and enclosure of the monastery (at right, bottom).

Financial support of the sisters, their ministries and their life and monastery residence is still welcomed and encouraged.

Through prayerful discernment and consideration, you can assist by praying with the sisters in adoration in the Jesus the High Priest Chapel, providing food and daily living supplies, volunteering your time at the monastery or helping with ongoing care and maintenance of the monastery through contributions of cash gifts, making a non cash gift or establishing an estate/will pledge to the Adoration sisters endowment.

For more information on ways to support the sisters, contact them at 605-336-2374 or adoratrices@sfcatholic.org. (Photos by Kevin Fitzgibbons, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)



SEVEN PRESENTATION SISTERS FROM ABERDEEN CELEBRATING JUBILEES

70th Jubilees



Sister Armella Statman, PBVM

Sister Armella Stratman, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen, will celebrate her 70th jubilee on July 21. Sister Armella dedicated more than 50 years in education, teaching at schools in South Dakota and Minnesota and then working another 10 years at Avera Brady Assisted Living in Mitchell. She is now retired and resides at Presentation Convent in Aberdeen.



Sister Mary Aileen Huettl, PBVM

Sister Mary Aileen Huettl, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen, will celebrate her 70th jubilee on July 21. Sister Mary Aileen served for many years as a nurse, nursing instructor, social worker, and pastoral minister in parishes, schools and hospitals in Montana and South Dakota. She is retired and resides at Presentation Convent in Aberdeen.



Sister Annrita Johnson, PBVM

Sister Annrita Johnson, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen, will celebrate her 70th jubilee on July 21. Sister Annrita served as a nursing instructor at Presentation College, a home health director, co-founded Barrett House, a shelter for homeless women and children in Albuquerque, ministered on the Pine Ridge Reservation and volunteered at Avera McKennan's Information Desk prior to retiring at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen.

60th Jubilees



Sister Kathleen Bierne, PBVM

Sister Kathleen Bierne, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen, will celebrate her 60th jubilee on July 21. Sister Kathleen taught in Catholic schools in South Dakota and Minnesota for eleven years and then ministered in pre-school/parent education and tribunal ministry in several dioceses throughout the region. Currently, Sister Kathleen is serving as a system member for Avera Health.

60th Jubilees



Sister Marilyn Dunn, PBVM

Sister Marilyn Dunn, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen, will celebrate her 60th jubilee on July 21. Sister Marilyn devoted over 40 years to education, teaching in schools in South Dakota and Minnesota and then continuing her work at Presentation College Lakota Campus on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. She currently volunteers as at Presentation College, Aberdeen.

50th Jubilees



Sister Pam Donelan, PBVM

Sister Pam Donelan, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen, will celebrate her 50th jubilee on July 28. Sister Pam currently serves as the Executive Director of Mission at Presentation College in Aberdeen. Prior to this, she was the congregational president for eight years, a member of the Presentation Sister's Leadership Council and Director of Mission at Avera St. Luke's Hospital.



Sister Lucille Welbig, PBVM

Sister Lucille Welbig, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen, will celebrate her 50th jubilee on July 28. Sister Lucille worked for 19 years in hospital settings as a medical technologist and director of pastoral care and 18 years as an administrator in long term care settings. Currently, Sister Lucille is on the Leadership Team of the community and is an Avera System Member, serving in governance of Avera.

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Local CHURCH

Parishioners in Mitchell take part in Corpus Christi procession



Holy Spirit Parish, Mitchell, held its annual Corpus Christi procession. Deacon Nick Baus was incensing the Eucharistic procession while Father John Short was carrying the Monstrance containing the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners sang songs as the group processed around Holy Spirit Church and John Paul II School. The Knights from Msgr. Peter Meyer Assembly 2045 were honored to carried the canopy covering the Body of our Blessed Lord, Jesus Christ. (Photo courtesy, Vince Boddicker, Grand Knight, Maher Council #1079, Mitchell)

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BISHOP'S CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENTS HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION



Diocesan seminarian, Nathan Allen poses with his award-winning 5 lbs. 2 oz. walleye caught in Pierre during the 22nd annual Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament. The event held Pierre and in Big Stone City attracted over 50 teams to fish and hundreds more to share in Mass with Bishop Paul J. Swain. Following Mass, fun, fellowship, and awards were handed out. The Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota coordinates the fishing tournaments for those participants helping support seminarian education in the diocese. (Photo by Kevin Fitzgibbons, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)

Local CHURCH

MITCHELL CATHOLIC FOUNDATION HOSTS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Mitchell Chamber of Commerce recently conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony outside of Holy Spirit Catholic School and welcomed the Mitchell Catholic Foundation. The next day, the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota met in Mitchell for their biannual Board Meeting. (Photo by Kevin Fitzgibbons, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)



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Local CHURCH

Totus Tuus teams and program back in the diocese this summer

The Totus Tuus program and teams are back this summer at parishes around the Diocese of Sioux Falls. Meaning "Totally Yours," Totus Tuus is a summer program where young adults lead summer bible camps throughout the diocese. They come in to the parish and lead programming for children and youth as well as engage the parish community through their witness. The catechetical themes for 2018 are Salvation History and the Joyful Mysteries. Pictured are some of the program attendees and members of the Totus Tuus team at St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls. (Photo by Gene Young)



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Sister Grace Feldhacker

Sister Grace Feldhacker, OSB, died June 3. She was 92.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 7 in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton. Burial followed in the monastery cemetery.

Agatha Feldhacker was born on July 4, 1925 on the family farm near Crofton, Nebraska. She was the sixteenth of seventeen children of Edward and Julia Rose (Tramp) Feldhacker.

Agatha entered Sacred Heart Monastery on August 30, 1939 at the age of fourteen, and attended Mount Marty High School. She was invested as a novice on June 23, 1942 and received the name Grace.

Sister Grace made her first profession on June 24, 1943, and her final profession on June 24, 1947.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Mount Marty College.



Sister Grace Feldhacker, OSB

Sister Grace taught primary school most of her years teaching. She ended her teaching career in 1979 and began working in Food Services at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. She retired from the hospital after serving twenty-five years, and continued to volunteer at the hospital as long as she was physically able.

Sister Grace is survived by her Benedictine community and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and all her siblings.

Deacon Albert Kocer

Deacon Albert Kocer, a deacon of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, died June 12 at the Good Samaritan Center, Wagner. He was 87.

The Mass of Christian burial was celebrated June 25 at St. John Parish, Wagner. Burial followed in the St. John Cemetery.

Deacon Albert J. Kocer was born July 10, 1930 at home on a farm southwest of Dante.

On May 2, 1955 Albert married Rita A. Gau and God blessed them with three daughters.

Albert served in the Marine Corps, farmed, ran a tractor parts store and a radiator repair shop and served in the S.D. House of Representatives for 18 years.

Albert and his wife, Rita were team leaders for World Wide Marriage Encounter in South Dakota for ten years. During this time, they also became members of the first class of candidates for the permanent Deaconate Program in the Sioux Falls Diocese.

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Deacon Albert Kocer

Albert was ordained Deacon on January 21, 1984 by Bishop Paul Dudley.

After his ordination, Bishop Dudley assigned Albert to serve the parishes of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Wagner and The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary in Dante.

Albert is survived by his wife of 63 years Rita and numerous other relatives.



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August 21: Proclaiming Jesus Christ
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- directed by Dr. Teresa Kemmer

October 23: What Do People Say Today About Angels?
- directed by Msgr. Richard Mahowald

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ABERDEEN – Michael and Peggy Schulte will celebrate their 45th anniversary on July 14. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



BERESFORD – Tom and Linda Farley will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 17. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



CASTLEWOOD – Ken and Karen Mack will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 27. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. John Parish.



CLEAR LAKE – Bill and Linda Wiekamp celebrated their 45th anniversary on June 29. They have 6 children, 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



DANTE – Dick and Ann Rysavy will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 6. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.



DANTE – Donald and Marilee Krcil celebrated their 35th anniversary on June 11. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.



FLANDREAU – Pat and Margie Powers will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 15. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Simon and Jude Parish.



HIGHMORE – Ronald and Betty Heckenlaible will celebrate their 65th anniversary on July 20. They have 5 children (1 deceased), 8 grandchildren (1 deceased), 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



HOVEN – John and Ladonna Litzen will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 13. They have 5 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.



MADISON – Gary and Shirley Ritzman celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 7. They have 7 children, 12 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



MILBANK – Leon and Kathy Schliesman will celebrate their 65th anniversary on July 13. They have 6 children, 22 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



MILBANK – Mike and Mary Lee Trapp will celebrate their 30th anniversary on July 16. They have 1 child and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



MILBANK – Leo and Betty Folk celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 28. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



MILBANK – Joe and Cheryl Breske will celebrate their 30th anniversary on July 30. They have 2 children and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



MITCHELL – Russell and Mary Overbay celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 11. They are members of Holy Family Parish.



PIERRE – Marty and Carol Nowak will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 6. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bob and Lela Feuerborn will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 20. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Glenn and Jean Rasmussen will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 4. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bruce and Harveen Gluf will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 1. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – David and Arlis Hunhoff will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 8. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.

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SIOUX FALLS – Dean and Barb DeVos will celebrate their 30th anniversary on July 23. They have 1 child and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Mark and Carolee Weber will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 1. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Al and Jean Mescher will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 6. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Steve and Roxanne Lynch will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 20. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish.



TYNDALL – Jim and Margaret Kniffen will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 29. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Leo Parish.



WATERTOWN – Joe and Sharon Hulscher will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 21. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WATERTOWN – David and Peggy Hulscher will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 22. They have 7 children (1 deceased), 17 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Steve and Nancy Hulscher will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 24. They have 2 children and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WAUBAY – Joe and Marsia Butler will celebrate their 35th anniversary on July 30. They have 5 children (1 deceased), 11 grandchildren, and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WHITE – Leroy and Ann Patrick will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 26. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Paul Parish.



WHITE LAKE – Danny and Judi Hagerty will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 19. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



YANKTON – Dale and Linda Trenhaile will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 2. They have 3 children, 12 grandchildren, and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

Farm blessing performed near Tyndall



A farm blessing Mass was celebrated at the Wayne and Arlo Schuurmans farm. The Bon Homme Knights of Columbus #4002 set up for Mass and the altar society served a pot luck meal after the blessing. Father Joe Forcelle, pastor, St. Leo Parish, Tyndall was the celebrant. (Photo courtesy, Bill Minow, St. Leo Parish, Tyndall, and Bon Homme Knights of Columbus #4002)

Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by July 16 for inclusion in the August 2018 edition to:
The Bishop's Bulletin
523 North Duluth Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
or e-mail to:
gyoung@sfcatholic.org.

Pew report says young adults worldwide less religious

Washington, DC (CNS) - A study by the Pew Research Center found that young adults worldwide are generally less religious than older adults by a variety of measures. The study, which drew upon previous surveys by Pew, concluded that this was true regardless of the predominant religion in the country, its level of economic development, or its level of religiosity. It defined young people as those under 40 years of age and older people as those 40 or older. The study noted projections indicate countries whose populations are growing fastest are very religious, while countries projected to have shrinking or stagnant population levels tend to be less religious.

Synod document: Young Catholics need church that listens

Vatican City (CNS) - Young Catholics are looking for a church that listens to their concerns, accompanies them in discerning their vocations and helps them confront the challenges they face, said a working document for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on young people. The synod's working document, published by the Vatican, stated that young people "want to see a church that shares their situations of life in the light of Gospel rather than by preaching." Quoting a presynod gathering of young people who met at the Vatican, the working document said young Catholics "want an authentic church. With this, we would like to express, particularly to the church hierarchy, our request for a transparent, welcoming, honest, attractive, communicative, accessible, joyful and interactive community."

Pope Francis moves 12 sainthood causes ahead

Vatican City (CNS) - Pope Francis issued decrees recognizing that 12 candidates for sainthood, including U.S. Sacred Heart Brother Norbert McAuliffe, lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way. The decrees promulgated by the pope are the first major step in the sainthood process. A miracle attributed to the candidate's intercession would be needed before beatification and another miracle would be needed for the person's canonization. Brother McAuliffe was born Sept. 30, 1886, in New York. After joining the missionary Brothers of the Sacred Heart, he was sent to Uganda where he founded the order's first mission in Gulu, in the north of the country. He died there July 3, 1959.

Cardinal: Dive deep into Scripture to find joy, clarity

New York, NY (CNS) - Joy has to be rooted in the fullness of reality, the suffering of the Cross, the glory of the Resurrection and the providence of God, not in a gooey meringue of sweetness. This was one of the messages Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto shared with a New York audience. At a time when the church is under attack by "grievously, ferociously secular people who are trying to squeeze faith out of everything," those who take a deep dive into Scripture will find joy and some clarity, according to the cardinal. Cardinal Collins gave the English keynote address at the ninth New York Catholic Bible Summit. Cardinal Juan Jose Omella of Barcelona, Spain, delivered the Spanish keynote address at the bilingual event.



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-Kimberly Mosqueda

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Parish Dinners/Socials

July 14—Women's brunch, St. George Parish, Scotland, Saturday at 9:30 a.m.; the parish celebrates women, good food and fellowship; Sister Maribeth Wentzlaff, prioress, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton is the speaker.

Sept. 16/St. Mary Parish, Dell Rapids, turkey dinner and bazaar is set; serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sept. 30/St. John the Baptist Parish, Wagner, will hold its annual parish dinner and bazaar; there will be turkey, pork loin and all the trimmings; serving will be from 4-7 p.m. in the church basement; there will be games for all ages in the CCD center.

Recitation of the rosary planned

Wednesday July 11 and Monday, July 23 -

The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m. in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls parish hosting rummage sale

July 20-22 - St. Lambert Parish, East 16th and Bahnson, Sioux Falls, will host its Rummage, Book and Bake Sale; hours Friday and Saturday are from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and on Sunday hours are 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Marian Apostolate offering presentation

Tuesday, July 24 - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host a presentation entitled, "Humanae Vitae: The Gift Continues 50 Years Later" at 7 p.m. in the parish hall of Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls; learn about this great contribution left to us by Blessed Paul VI.

Annual anniversary Masses planned Sunday, Aug. 5 and Sunday Aug. 12 -

Couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, and 65 plus years of marriage are invited to join in a celebration of marriage at one of two locations. The Aug. 5 Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Parish, Aberdeen and the Aug. 12 Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Invitations have been mailed but if you have not received an invitation, you may contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at 988-3755 if celebrating the above referenced specific anniversaries in 2018.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement hosting summer conference

Aug. 10-11 - "Living in The Supernatural" is the title of the Yahweh Shalom Conference in Yankton set for Aug. 10-11; Dr. Mary Healy is the guest speaker for the summer conference which begins Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. For more information or to register go to www.ajoyfulshout.com, call Jane Barz at 605-940-4101 or email at cottonwoodfrm@san-tel.net.

Legacy Event

Aug. 25/Legacy: A Tasting Experience - Ramkota Exhibit Hall - Sioux Falls; Legacy: A Tasting Experience is one of the area's best tasting events. Enjoy tasting a wide selection of beers, wines, coffees, & cheeses. There will be a selection of 100+ beers and wines from more than 40 breweries and wineries; attendees receive a commemorative sampling glass; proceeds go to benefit Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center; to learn more or register, call 605-988-3788 or go to ccfesd.org.

Catholic Family Services

July 3 and Aug. 7/Catholic Family Services invites you to join our Living with Chronic Illness group. This is a free educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. The group meets at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls. For details please call Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

July 28/Rachel's Vineyard One Day Retreat - strictly confidential; a safe, loving, non-judgmental environment; open to men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents who have been affected by abortion; non-denominational; sponsored by Catholic Family Services. For registration materials and more information, call 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org.

July 31-Sept. 4/Grieving the loss of a spouse will be six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls; directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, this program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss; non-denominational; cost is a donation; call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Broom Tree Retreat Center

Day of Recollection Schedule
Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and consist of conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. Because lunch is also served, we ask that you please register. A prayerful donation is requested.

Aug. 21/"Proclaiming Jesus Christ" directed by Father Tom Anderson.

September 11/"Three States of the Church: Militant, Penitent and Triumphant" directed by Dr. Teresa Kemmer.

Diocesan EVENTS

Sacred Heart Monastery

July 1 and Aug. 5/Eucharistic Adoration is offered on the first Sunday of the month from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the upper chapel of Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton.

Contemplative Morning/The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, usually on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the July 21 session, contact Sister Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292

Spiritual Direction Ministry Formation for those discerning a call to be a spiritual director is now available on a tutorial basis at the Benedictine Peace Center. E-mail benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or call (605) 668-6292.

Silent Retreats/Schedule private retreat time at the Benedictine Peace Center. Come for the number of days that fits your schedule. Retreatants may request a spiritual director and are welcome to join the monastic community for Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist. Contact benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292 or visit us at www.yankton-benedictines.org/Center.

Presentation Sisters

July 16-20/23rd annual Girls' leadership camp: the Aberdeen Presentation Sisters created a camp for middle school girls in 1996; for more information, call 605-770-3671 or kmith@mit.midco.net.

Sept. 22/Women on the Prairie Conference will be Saturday at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; \$15 registration fee; speaker will be Gaye Lindfors.

Mother of God Monastery

End of August/Journey into Spiritual Growth: the sisters of Mother of God Monastery offer an eight-month program called "Journey into Spiritual Growth" which starts at the end of August. The program begins with a six-day retreat and continues with guided prayer; a brochure with details can be found on the monastery website, www.watertownbenedictines.org. Please contact Sister Emily Meisel at 605-886-4181. Ext. 1 if you have questions or would like to register.

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